Funding Patterns of DPAP AND DDP Programmes

5. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the present funding patterns for DPAP and DDP Programmes in the country;

(b) what criteria have been fixed for allocation of resources to the various States particularly in respect of Rajasthan and Orissa for financing the DPAP DDP programmes;

(c) what are the channels through which the funds released by the Central Government percolate down to the actual beneficiaries under these programmes; and

(d) how the allocation of funds is related to the availability of technology, geographical conditions and the extent of seberity of aridity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) to (d) Drought Prone Areas Programmes:

The funds are shared by Government of India and the concerned State Government on 50: 50 basis. The allocation is made in respect of each block covered under the programmes and rate of allocation varies with the geographical area of the block. Presently, the rate of allocation is as follows:

Geographical area of the Block (Sq. Km.)	Allocation per Block per year (Rs. in lakhs)
1. Upto 500 . . .	15.00
2. From 500 - 1000 . . .	16.50
3. Over 1000 . . .	18.50

This pattern applies to all States under this programme including Rajasthan and Orissa.

Desert Development Programme:

This is implemented with 100 percent central financial assistance. For hot deserts, the allocations presently is made at the rate of Rs. 24 lakhs, for one thousand sq. Kilometers subject to a ceiling of Rs. 500 lakhs per district except for areas in Ganganagar District for which a lump-sum provision of Rs. 90 lakhs has been made. For cold desert areas, a lumpsum provision is made for the district covered, the rate being Rs. 100 lakhs per district per year for Himachal Pradesh and Rs. 150 lakhs per district per year for Jammu & Kashmir. While 11 districts of Rajasthan are covered under DDP, no area of Orissa is covered under this programme. The allocations to the programmes are made by the Planning Commission within the constraints of available national resources and priorities.

The funds are released by the Central Government to the concerned State Governments, who, inturn, allocate the same to the District Rural Development Agencies for the implamentation of these programmes in the concerned blocks.

Modernisation of Railway Stations in Rajasthan and Orissa

6. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made so far for modernisation of the Railway Stations in Rajasthan and Orissa; and

(b) what are the details of the new proposals in this regard, including computerisation scheme, under Governments consideration and what